

Greetings,

I am a current subscriber to XM Radio service and currently have 2 units for which I pay a monthly fee. I enjoy this service and feel that it provides content and programming which are unavailable on the "free" airwaves hence my willingness to pay "extra" to consume these products.

Although I subscribed to XM long before they began to offer local weather and traffic programming and information, since this content has begun to be broadcast on XM, I have become dependant upon it. I work near Boston, MA and the local stations only offer sporadic, unreliable and spotty coverage of this information on a very infrequent basis. I have found that my commute to work has been greatly improved and the length of my commute (in terms of time) reduced as a direct result of the timely and accurate traffic information presented to me through my XM radio.

In addition, I have learned to rely on the local weather forecasts presented on XM as they tend to be more accurate and are updated as soon as new information is available. This is in contrast to the information which is presented only during news programs on most of the "free" radio stations.

Please do not support the NAB's petition 04-160 nor the Pickering/Green bill in the house of representatives (HR 4026). If the regular "off the air" radio stations feel that their "listenership" is threatened, have them improve their services so as to remain competitive. Do not give in to their protectionist desires which will lead to continued lack-luster programming on those "off the air" services. Do not punish XM for providing excellent and in-demand services. With over a million subscribers willing to pay a monthly fee, XM has ample proof, in my opinion, that they have something to offer that other radio broadcasters do not currently offer. My continued paid support of their service is proof of that.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Pavlovich